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Mr. Alva Lambert, Executive Director
State Health Planning and Development Agency
100 North Union Street, Suite 870
Montgomery, AL 36104

RE: Request for Letter of Non-Reviewability by Highlands Health & Rehab, Scottsboro, AL for a Replacement Facility

Dear Mr. Lambert,

The purpose of this letter is to request your determination, pursuant to Section 401-1-7-.02 of the Alabama Certificate of Need Program Rules & Regulations ("Regulations") that the proposed replacement facility for Highlands Health & Rehab (HHR), a 50-bed Long Term Care facility, does not require our client, Highlands Health & Rehab, located at 380 Woods Cove Road, Scottsboro, AL, to obtain a Certificate of Need (CON) from the State Health Planning and Development Agency. Attached is a check for \$1,000.00 in payment for the applicable fee. In order to assist in this determination, we offer the following information:

HHR currently operates 50 long term care beds, the facility is 60 years old and cannot currently meet the needs in its current condition, and therefore we would like to replace the entire facility. The replacement facility would create single resident rooms of 40 and 5 semi private rooms and replace 3 ward room, which contains 4 beds each and small semi private room currently being used.

This project will require the construction of the new facility within our existing grounds and connected to the current facility. This scope of work will not exceed any of the Certificate of Need expenditure thresholds specified in Section 410-1-2-.07 of the Regulations, of \$2,806,834 for major medical equipment, of \$1,122,733 for new annual operations costs or of \$5,613,667 for capital expenditures, as currently adjusted for CPI.

This project will not involve the addition of long term care beds. Further, this project does not involve the conversion of one classification of beds into another classification of beds and will not result in the provision of any new health services.

Accordingly, based on the above, we respectfully request your determination that HHR is not required to obtain a CON in order to complete the proposed project. We appreciate your consideration of this request and please contact me for any additional questions.

Sincerely,



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